Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Surgical thread (1) for cosmetic operations made of a metallic, polymeric, or biological material, containing successively arranged along its length inclined notched protrusions, characterized in that the notched protrusions (2) are made in the form of conical barbs (3) with pointed flexible and elastic ends (4), the barbs (3; 5) positioned on one or several sides along the section of the thread ~~(e.g., in a staggered order)~~ with a successively alternating inclination thereof.

2. (Original) A surgical thread (1) for cosmetic operations, according to claim 1, characterized in that the elevation (6) of the ends (4) of the notched protrusions (2) above the thread amounts to not less than the diameter thereof, the interval (7) between the protrusions being less than two diameters of the thread.

3. (Original) A surgical thread (1) for cosmetic operations according to claim 1, characterized in that the notched protrusions (2) of the thread are provided on two opposite sides, the direction of their inclination being opposite as well.

4. (Original) A surgical thread (1) for cosmetic operations according to

claim 1, characterized in that the notched protrusions are provided on two sides

with an alternating direction of their inclination.

5.   (Original) A surgical thread (1) for cosmetic operations according to

claim 1, characterized in that the notched protrusions provided on two sides are

directed oppositely to each other from the centre of the thread.

6.   (Currently Amended) A surgical thread (1) for cosmetic operations

according to claim 1, characterized in that the notched protrusions are provided in

the a form of needles (9) with sockets (10) for fixation thereof on the thread with

alternating directions of the inclination of the needles.

7.   (New) The surgical thread of claim 1, wherein the barbs are positioned

in a staggered order along the thread.